

CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:30 p.m. with Committeemen Newton, Racite, Dennis, Brown and Pelura present. Also present were M. Stout-CMFO/Administrator, J. Proffitt-Clerk, R. DiGregorio-Chief of Police, E. Gilbert-Public Works, J. Jordan-Solicitor.

Mayor Pelura called the meeting to order and read the **Open Public Meeting Act** and lead the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Pelura started the meeting by Honoring Carneys Point Fire/Rescue member James W. Williamson. Mayor Pelura read a certificate of recognition in which it speaks of the unselfish act of rendering medical assistance to a fellow citizen that resulted in the saving of a life. He said Mr. Williamson joined the Fire and Rescue in 2006 and in 2007 was awarded firefighter of the year. He consistently ranks in the top five responders since joining. Dr. Racite spoke of the letter received from Mrs. Dix. She said at an office dinner she choked on her meal and thought she could cough it up herself. She moved out to the parking lot and found herself alone and unable to dislodge the meat from her throat. Panic started when she found she could not breathe. Mr. Williamson saw her and asked her if she was alright. He assisted by performing the Heimlich. On the third time the food dislodged and she was able to breathe. The letter thanks Mr. Williamson not only for her life but from her three grown children, her husband of 34 years and her grandchildren. Dr. Racite said she was unable to attend due to traveling. He said thank you is not enough and words cannot express how grateful people like you are. Men and Woman in uniform don't like being called heroes, but you are. The certificate was presented to Mr. Williamson. Fire Chief Ted Stranahan mentioned that Mrs. Dix contacted him to make sure Mr. Williamson received the recognition he deserves. Tonight, Chief Stranahan said, Captain Charles Miller and President Wayne Cheeseman presented Mr. Williamson with the Life Saving Award. Again, Mayor Pelura thanked Mr. Williamson and all volunteers for all they do for the Township. A short recess was taken.

When reconvened from the recess, Mayor Pelura asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Committee meeting held on March 21, 2012. Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Under Applications: Mayor Pelura mentioned five **Park Permits #9, 10, 11, 12 and 13** for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Dennis to approve the various park applications and all were in favor. Mayor Pelura asked for a motion to approve **Raffle Application** for the Habitat for Humanity on April 13th. Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor. Mayor Pelura mentioned an **Educational Enhancement** for Kathleen Keen to attend the Tax Collectors Spring Conference on May 15th, 16th and 17th to obtain CEU's for her Tax Re-Certification at a cost of \$285.00. Motion was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Newton. Dr. Racite said he does not see any problem with her attending but she does not work in that office and feels the Township should not set precedence by paying for the seminar. Mr. Brown asked for this to be tabled until further discussion. Motion seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2012-68
HANDICAPPED PARKING ON GEORGETOWN ROAD

Mr. Brown made a motion to request the creation of handicapped parking spaces on the westbound shoulder of Georgetown Rd in front of the Wesleyan Church. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2012-69
SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION WITH NJDOT

Dr. Racite made a motion to authorize the submission of a grant application and execute a grant contact with the NJDOT for E. Quillytown Rd. drainage and road reconstruction. Motion was seconded by Mr. Newton. Mr. Brown asked if this grant will pay for all or just part of the work that needs to be done. Mayor Pelura said they are applying for all but will have to see what is given. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2012-70
SUPPORT FOR NJDOT RECONSTRUCTION OF RT. 48/LAYTONS LAKE DAM

Motion was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Dennis supporting the NJDOT in the renovation of the Route 48/Laytons Lake Dam project. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2012-71
HIRE PART-TIME DISPATCHERS

Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the hiring of Justin Spinelli and Luis Reyes as part-timed Dispatchers in the Police Department, seconded by Mr. Newton. Mayor Pelura said these are part-time, at will employees. They are only paid when they work. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2012-72
END DIVERSION OF ENERGY TAX RECEIPTS

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis to authorize the Clerk to send certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, State Legislative leadership and members of the Senate and Assembly requesting the end to diversion of energy tax receipts from Municipalities. Motion was seconded by Dr. Racite. Mr. Brown asked for an explanation. Mrs. Stout said the State is holding additional money from each Township on Energy Taxes paid. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2012-73
TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE ESTIMATED TAX BILLS

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis to authorize the Tax Collector to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the third installment of 2012 taxes, seconded by Dr. Racite. Mayor Pelura said not knowing when the County or State budgets will be adopted this will help get the Township through. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2012-74
CANCEL OUTSTANDING CHECKS

Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the cancelation of outstanding checks from 2010 and 2011, seconded by Dr. Racite and a unanimous vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence**: Mayor Pelura mentioned a letter from the Salem County Improvement Authority on increasing the tipping fees by 2% on all waste types. This fee has not been increased in the past 6 years. Mayor Pelura said this increase took effect on April 1, 2012. Mr. Jordan mentioned a few items on the Agreement he questioned. First was customer, written as PG-CP, second it refers to an "annual minimum and maximum tonnage, yet there is nothing in the agreement which identifies the "minimum and maximums". Lastly, Mr. Jordan said he was confused as to the per ton tipping fee as \$52.43 to \$59.50. Mr. Gilbert explained this is in excess

of the range amount they normally send. They are charged the \$52.43 amount. Mr. Brown asked if the 2% increase would be split between PG and our selves. Mr. Gilbert said the trash is separated and each Township will pay the 2% increase. Motion was made by Dr. Racite to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Under Old Business: Dr. Racite mentioned getting authorization to go out to bid the Municipal Building roof. He said the Engineer has prepared the specs. And Mr. Jordan has reviewed and now they are ready for bidding. He made a motion to go out to bid, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mayor Pelura mentioned a while ago NJ Transit requested the relocation of a bus stop by Village Arms Apartments. He said instead of moving the bus stop 100 feet north, move it 30 feet south. Mayor Pelura requested a letter being sent by Mr. Jordan to NJ Transit with this request. If this is alright with them then we will do a resolution and sign the agreement for the relocation.

Mr. Gilbert mentioned a letter dated March 13th from the NJDEP requesting a detailed status report on each of the areas they investigated and inspected with they came here. Mr. Gilbert said it was for Stormwater issues in both Penns Grove and Carneys Point. Penns Grove was the Riverwalk and Carneys Point was the Pump Stations and Cornerstone Estates. He said the pump stations are fine and is requesting from the Committee to be a loud to send a letter in response. He said Cornerstone Estates discharge stormwater on to Golfwood which has caused flooding in the area. He wants to send a letter to the County on drainage of Golfwood Ave. The Committee agreed. Mr. Gilbert also wanted to thank the Police Explorers for cleaning Dunns Park. He mentioned the Girl Scouts handed out flyers to all the houses in the area of the Park.

Chief DiGregorio mentioned a bank robbery a few weeks ago. He said he men did an outstanding job investigating this case. It became a multi State investigation and Carneys Point Police broke the case.

Under New Business: Mayor Pelura mentioned the Easter Egg hunt in Dunns Park at 10 a.m. sharp. This is for residents and grandchildren of residents. Please bring a bag.

Mr. Dennis said the Redevelopment Agreement for 47th 7th Ave. is being worked on. There will be a special meeting to approve the agreement. The meeting was set for 6:30 p.m on April 12th.

Mr. Jordan reviewed his open files for the Township. Said he spoke to Joe DiNicola and the Chief on securing the gravel hole on Clemente's property. Mr. Jordan said he has not heard anything on the fuel agreement from the Sewerage Authority. Dr. Racite said the agreement was approved by the Sewerage Authority. Mr. Jordan said then the agreement can be signed. Mentioned sending a letter to Riversbend Apartments for trash collection early last year and that they owe the Township money for the solid waste fee. A check was received by the finance office. Mr. Jordan moved on to discuss the Certified Recycling Professional. He said the Interlocal Agreement was sent to Walter Ray Solicitor for Pennsville for his review. Mr. Jordan said he also received a phone call from Jack Lynch Pennsville's Administrator on this topic. He addressed the Police Chief's request to trade older vehicles in for newer ones. He said a letter was received from the Prosecutor Office verifying forfeiture funds will be used to complete the transaction. He then mentioned a letter from the Assessor on the quality of the tax maps. The maps are copied from Mylar and this makes them less clear with each coping. Both the current Engineer and a former Engineer gave a proposal for the cost to convert to digital. This can be done in stages at smaller amounts each year. Mrs. Stout said this can be charged to capital improvements. Mr. Brown asked if this service can be bid out. Mr. Jordan said it can be. Mr.

Gilbert finished with Engineer Fred Margron's father passed away. The Mayor commented he spoke to Mr. Margron and gave him condolences.

Public Participation: Mary Ottinger of Leap Ave. said she feel they still need Police coverage against speeders. Chief DiGregorio said he will continue to look into her problem. Mrs. Ottinger questioned Mr. Dennis on the quorum of voting on a resolution done at the last meeting. Mr. Jordan explained members are in conflict and are unable to vote so the two make a quorum for voting purposes. To open a meeting there needs to be a quorum which is at least three of the five members.

Ronald Stockwell Dixie Drive spoke of a meeting he had with the Chief and Sgt. Colletti. Spoke of everyone being upset for his letter writing because he cannot get police coverage. He said he is trying to find out why teens cannot be charged under title 39. Today teens in sports uniforms through sticks and stones in his and his neighbors yards. Mr. Stockwell questioned why only one name on the agenda under resolution 71. Clerk Proffitt said the second name was added after the agendas were completed. The resolution was correct and the Mayor read both names to the public. Mr. Stockwell asked that the agendas be corrected. Also, asked about paying the solid waste fee this year. Why has it not been billed yet. Mayor Pelura said yes it is part of the budget and it is in the process of being billed. Mr. Stockwell said he arrived for this meeting a little after 6 pm and found the Mayor, the Deputy and Dr. Racite sitting in here on what seems to be conducting business. This is in violation of the Open Public Meetings Act. Mayor Pelura said they were reading through the agenda, no business was being conducted. Also, the Township advertised to be able to meet before the meeting so if anyone from the public wanted to approach them they could.

RESOLUTION 2012-75 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dennis motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 8:29 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Dennis to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Dr. Racite and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:55 pm with the following action taken. The Mayor mentioned an Educational Enhancement for Kathleen Keen. No motion was made for the Township to pay the cost of this seminar, because she does not work in that department. Dr. Racite made a motion to allow for Mrs. Keen to attend at her own cost, motion was seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2012-76

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis to hire Karen Rubino to the Deputy Court Administrator position, seconded by Dr. Racite and all were in favor.

Dr. Racite spoke of properties on the foreclosure list which has environmental issues. He wants letters sent to allow for back taxes to be paid or the Township will foreclose on the property. Mr. Jordan said get a current list from the Collector with amount and he will send letters.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Brown to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dennis. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Approved: 4-18-2012


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk